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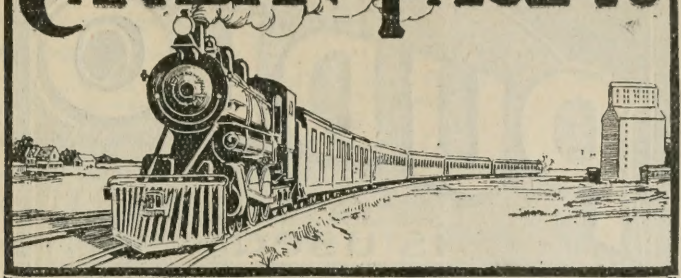

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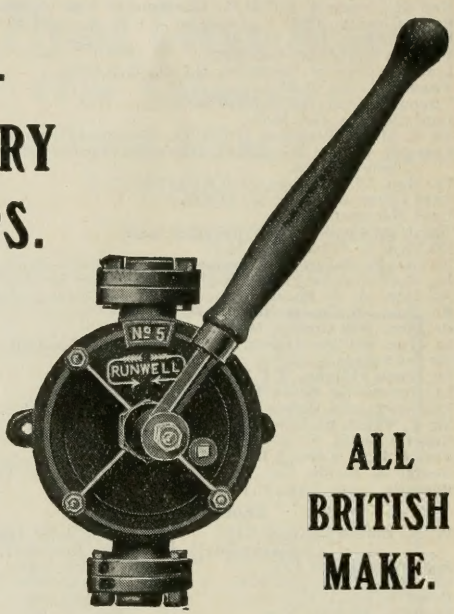

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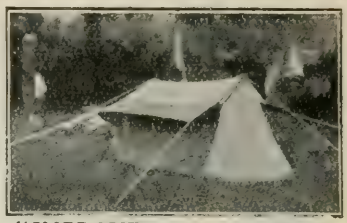

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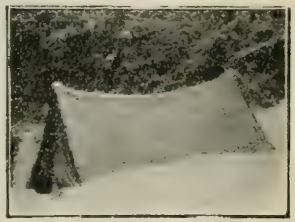

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New Year Messages to Our Members

As this issue of "Overseas" will not reach the majority of our Members until the end of the year, we are publishing the following messages of greeting and encouragement for 1918 now instead of waiting till next month. Many prominent men and women have responded to our invitation to send a New Year message to our Members, and we feel sure that their words will be read with interest and appreciation.—Editor.

New Year Messages to Our Members.

Field-Marshal Sir Douglas Haig, G.C.B., K.C.I.E.,

Commander-in-Chief of the British Expeditionary Force.

SINCE I last had the honour of sending a message to the Over-Seas Club yet another large sum of money has been collected by its Members for War purposes. This shows how wide is the sympathy which the Club embraces and how determined are its Members not to relax their generous efforts until the ultimate victory has been achieved for the Allies.

I gladly take this opportunity, at the beginning of the New Year, to send them the grateful thanks and heartiest good wishes of the British Army in France.

G.H.Q. D. HAIG.

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The Rt. Hon. the Earl of Derby, G.C.V.O.,

Secretary of State for War.

ALTHOUGH once again winter has come round to find us still at war, it also finds us with an Army unimpaired in strength and of the highest *morale ;* whilst on the other hand there are evident signs that the reverse is the case with our enemies.

Let us look forward therefore with confidence to this being the last winter we shall pass with the black cloud of war over our heads, and that next year may give a peace which shall be an unbroken one for many generations.

DERBY.

General Sir William Robertson, K.C.B., D.S.O.,

Chief of Imperial General Staff.

I AM convinced that the issue of this war largely depends upon staying power—that is, upon grit and determination. Peoples of the British Empire have often in the past proved that they possess these qualities to a degree second to none. I firmly believe that they still possess them, and therefore I remain confident that victory will be ours.

W. R. ROBERTSON, General.

The Rt. Hon. Lord Milner, G.C.B.,

Member of the War Cabinet.

I AM very glad of the opportunity of sending this short greeting to British subjects overseas. The Mother Country and her children are one to-day in their common hour of danger. A new bond is being forged in the fires of peril and sacrifice. And who will venture to affirm that such a bond can ever be broken?

MILNER.

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The Rt. Hon. Viscount Northcliffe,

Head of the British War Mission to the United States of America.

ON coming back to England I find that the Over-Seas Club is as active here as it is in Canada and the United States. While on the other side of the Atlantic I wore our emblem on every public occasion, and was gratified to find that every leading Member of the Club spoke to me about our work. The New York meetings were most enthusiastic. The Club is doing fine propaganda work everywhere. I wish it all success in 1918.

NORTHCLIFFE.

The Rt. Hon. Sir Eric Geddes,

First Lord of the Admiralty.

BEFORE the outbreak of war no one except the enemy ever had any doubts about the solidarity of the British Empire. The magnificent part which British subjects all over the world have taken during the last three years in the great effort of the Allies has proved conclusively that our confidence was well-founded.

The Over-Seas Club and the Patriotic League of Britons Overseas have shown by their personal service and by their contributions of every kind that no sacrifice is too great to be made by British subjects in the great cause for which the Allies are fighting, and which they are determined to carry to a victorious issue.

E. GEDDES.

New Year Messages to Our Members.

The Rt. Hon. Walter Long, M.P.,

Secretary of State for the Colonies.

I WISH to congratulate your Members on the magnificent war work they have done in general and especially on the very large sums they have raised for the Air Service, which is perhaps the most prominent feature of modern warfare.

W. LONG.

The Rt. Hon. Lord Rhondda,

Food Controller.

I AM delighted to send a message of greeting for the coming year to the Members of the Over-Seas Club who have rallied so magnificently to the call of the Mother Country in her hour of need, and whose splendid efforts to assist her during the past three years of war have been crowned with such success.

May all prosperity attend the Club and your membership increase and extend its influence to every corner of the British Empire!

RHONDDA.

Sir Albert Stanley, M.P.,

President of the Board of Trade.

PLEASE give my heartiest wishes for the coming year to the Members of the Over-Seas Club and the Patriotic League of Britons Overseas. The unity of effort and sacrifice with which the Empire has so grandly risen to the emergencies of this War is one of the finest things in history. We may be proud to feel that that Imperial union for which your Members have worked so well must most strongly help to bring victory to the Allied arms and to secure, when the victory is won, a lasting peace for the world.

ALBERT STANLEY.

New Year Messages to Our Members.

Sir Arthur Steel-Maitland, M.P.,

Director of the Department recently formed for the Promotion of Overseas and Foreign Trade.

BRITISHERS, both in Oversea Dominions and Colonies, and also those living in foreign countries, have shown their sense of recognition of the duties of membership of the British Commonwealth by giving their best in men and money. I trust that one result of a victorious peace will be that the Dominions will also gain a full share in the government of that Commonwealth, the direction of its foreign policy and the control of its defensive forces.

ARTHUR STEEL-MAITLAND.

The Rt. Hon. Sir Horace Plunkett, K.C.V.O.,

Chairman of the Irish Convention.

SEVEN centuries of Anglo-Irish history should have taught us that, if ever the British Empire were in dire peril, an unsettled Irish Question would stir evil memories. And now the world is saying that Ireland is deliberately keeping out of the war waged on behalf of democracies and the rights of small nations ; that its young men are afraid ; that, in the guise of rebellion, it stabbed the Empire in the back ; that it is now full of dissension and unrest, class against class, party against party, the best manhood of the country drifting, without leadership or policy, towards the chaos of anarchy and rebellion. In all this there may be some truth ; though I wonder what the 250,000 Irish soldiers who are fighting for liberty—that is, those who do not lie buried in Flanders or Gallipoli—or what the vast majority of the remaining 4,000,000 of my countrymen who, in full liberty, are quietly fulfilling their duties and vocation think of these rumours of your world. For certain, I know that the soldiers

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SIR HORACE PLUNKETT—*(continued).*

abroad are fighting well and like good comrades, that they expect to come back to a peaceful homeland, and that the mass of Irishmen at home, in their hearts, want settlement and union. But all this is as a voice crying in the wilderness of war and desolation. So, to my friends overseas, I merely say that in Ireland now, whilst the world is at strife and peace not yet in sight, there is sitting, for the first time in her history, a Convention of Irishmen whose hope it is to bring, by constitutional methods, the blessings of national peace to their country. Whether that hope will be realised remains to be seen ; but, as Chairman of that Convenvention of Peace, I would urge upon all overseas, whether Irishmen or not, in the interests of the world, no less than of Ireland, the necessity, first, of understanding and, next, of furthering, in every rightful way the great work we have in hand.

HORACE PLUNKETT.

The Bishop of London.

Fulham Palace, S.W.

I NOTE with great pleasure and satisfaction the continued success of the Over-Seas Club. It has a fine record of useful and philanthropic service to show.

To all its Members throughout the world I would heartily wish every blessing this Christmas and during the New Year. May 1918 bring Peace to the stricken world and unite us all still closer with our overseas brothers and sisters in the endeavour to make the world a better and happier one for all.

A. F. LONDON.

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General Sir William Birdwood, K.C.S.I., K.C.M.G.,
Commanding the Anzac Army Corps.

ONCE again I am asked by means of the New Year issue of "Overseas" to send a message to our kinsmen in all parts of the British Empire—a message of hope to the many who expectantly await the return of the men who are doing men's work, and a message of sympathy to those who must needs sorrow.

Another year has gone by, a year of great efforts and of great results, and necessarily, therefore, of great trials and great anxieties. At the end of it we are able to look back with our heads high and our hands clean, and recall a steadfastness and singleness of purpose in the British race which establishes for all time its unity and power and shows to the whole world that by God's grace we are not unworthy of the great destiny which has been placed in our keeping.

The successful prosecution of a war such as this, is dependent more upon the spirit of the nation than even on the prowess of its soldiers and sailors and the skill of their leaders. This is the first time that the British Empire has been involved in a war of nations in arms. Everyone is concerned ; everyone's effort is required ; and the necessary cohesion is only attained by consideration of the needs of the whole and obliteration of selfish individualism.

It is almost an incredible thing that a widely separated Empire, with divergent needs and thoughts, should without hesitation have rallied to its King with such complete singlemindedness ; and that the whole resources of the Empire should have been organised as they have with a single object. All this is the more remarkable when it is remembered that there was not probably on the whole globe a race less given to thought of war or to warlike preparations—despite the traditions of the past. We may indeed be justly proud not only that the resources of a vast and scattered Empire have been organised, but that the men of this Empire appreciative of the common tie, and

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GENERAL BIRDWOOD—*(continued).*

true to the old stock, have but one aim, and know that side by side they will march to victory with equal and unswerving courage.

But the end is not yet. Indeed, we are only at that point when the greatest demand is made upon our fortitude and resource. It naturally happens, after three years of war, especially after three years of such a devastating and cruel war, that a desire for peace should exist in the hearts of all—and for compromise in the thoughts of a few. "Let us call it a draw," is a phrase which will appeal to some who may try to claim that it contains the elements of the spirit of good nature and chivalry innate in the British race. But there can be no "draw" with a nation, who, from the outset, banished chivalry from its banner and honour from its creed.

Germany must be shown that might is not right; and the only way, while human nature remains human nature, to do this, is to overthrow might. We have been steadfast up to now, that is to say up to the point which assured us safety from the clutches of Pan-Germanism. But we are not fighting and have never been fighting merely for our own self-preservation; we are fighting for the great principles which Abraham Lincoln described as the aims of democracy. If we stop short of the attainment of these, we betray a sacred trust left to us by those gallant souls who have given their lives in the hope that by so doing the goal would be reached.

Whatever the cost, the British Empire will endure unto the end. Its solidarity and unity of purpose will not be diminished by time or adversity. In the maintenance of this spirit, and in securing cohesion and common thought, the Over-Seas Club is playing a noble part. To its 150,000 oversea Members this message is addressed, and in closing I would add that the bright dawn of an enduring peace is certain if only we will firmly resolve to have no thoughts for the clouds of doubt and vacillation.

W. R. BIRDWOOD.

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The Rt. Hon. H. A. L. Fisher, M.P.,
President of the Board of Education.

I HAVE read with deep interest the account of the magnificent work done by the Over-Seas Club to assist the Empire during the greatest crisis of its history. The generosity of the Members of the Club in all parts of the world has been remarkable, and the work of the Club gives one more proof that the unity of the Empire is no empty phrase, but a living truth which has become even more real in the presence of a great danger.

H. A. L. FISHER.

The Rt. Hon. Viscount Bryce, O.M.

THE year that is just ending has brought to us in Britain and to our gallant soldiers in the field many sufferings and some disappointments. Chief among these is the suspension of Russia's co-operation in the War, which sets free a large part of the enemy's forces to resist the Allies in the West.

But the year that is passing has also brought us two great sources of cheer and help. One of these is the entrance of the United States into the War on our side, which is, as we believe, the side of Right and Humanity. The great Republic of the West is now beginning to render to that cause, not only the help of her immense resources, but she is stamping it with her moral approval. She has declared it to be a cause in which the welfare of mankind is involved, the cause of justice and the cause of liberty. And our second source of joy and hope is to be found in the attitude of the whole British people everywhere throughout the world. Not only in Britain, but in all the great self-governing Dominions, the courage of the peoples is unshaken, the fire of devotion burns with as bright a flame as ever. We are all one in heart all beyond the oceans and all here at home, united by the sense that Duty has called us to a high and sacred task, and that to that call the whole British race has worthily responded.

BRYCE.

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Mrs. Humphry Ward.

STEADFASTNESS and courage are the great words that should be in the ears of all the Allies at the present moment. The Italian blow is a severe one, and it will take some time to repair the harm of it. The resources of the Allies are much greater than those of the enemy, and we must have faith in Cadorna and the great bulk of the Italian people. But the German break-through on the Isonzo shows that what all modern nations have to fear is the revolutionary Socialism which strips men of their country and supplies nothing of any value to take its place.

But the situation in Flanders is as full of promise as that in Italy is full of anxiety. There never was a great General more fully trusted by the Army and the nation behind him than Sir Douglas Haig. Through a thousand difficulties that could not be foreseen, he has carried on the cause of the Allies towards victory, and the coming Spring will surely see us gathering in the fruits of this year's struggle. Already the coming in of America has put new heart into Britain and the war. With the New Year she will be at our side on the battlefield, with an ever-increasing strength ; and who can doubt the final result ?

MARY A. WARD.

Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Webb.

HOW rapidly and completely have our ideas of the British Empire been changed by these three years of war, and the magnificent response of every part to the call of the whole ! How greatly are we in England learning to appreciate the world of Britain overseas, with which we had formerly such scanty

MR. AND MRS. SIDNEY WEBB—*(continued).*

acquaintance! How much are our fellow-citizens from overseas discovering from the Motherland! For the first time we are realising that the British Empire is not an Empire in the old invidious sense, but has transformed itself, almost unawares, into a Free Alliance among the constituent democracies, to which India and the rising Dependencies are now equally admitted. We see passing away like a dream outworn the notion of centralised dominion—even the centralised dominion of an Imperial Federation. We join in respecting the autonomy and the right to self-determination of every constituent part of the Britannic Alliance, whether bond or free. In the grand rally in the common defensive of all the races, colours, creeds and civilisations of the Britannic Alliance, we are learning to abandon the idea that Nature has heaped up all the superiorities exclusively on any one of them, our own particular selves not excepted; and we come more modestly to the conception of "reciprocal superiorities" among all the different peoples of the Alliance, which it behoves us all mutually to recognise and appreciate. Hence we wonder why we ever talked of "subject races," any more than of "subject classes" or "a subject sex." And when this great obsession passes, and the Britannic Alliance ushers in the thousand years of peace for which we are fighting, we are more and more realising that we must have no Economic War after this War; that the bad old plan of exploitation of one part of the Alliance by the capitalists of another, and of the wage-earners by the wealthy, for the sake of "profiteering," must be superseded by the gradual development of the whole Alliance into a Co-operative Commonwealth, in which what will be protected will be the free exercise of each man's personality, and in which all our productive energies will be organised in the service of the public.

SYDNEY AND BEATRICE WEBB.

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Dame Katharine Furse, G.B.E.,

Ex-Commandant-in-Chief of the Women's V.A.D. Department.

YOUR request for a message for publication in the December issue of "Overseas" gives me a most welcome opportunity of expressing the gratitude of the Joint Women's V.A.D. Department for the generous offers of help received from the women of the Overseas Dominions. Our only regret has been that the difficulties of transport and the restrictions of passport regulations have prevented us from availing ourselves of these offers to a very much greater extent.

It has only been possible so far to arrange for a few parties—about 160 members in all—to be sent over officially through the Government House of their respective Dominions, which is in each case responsible for all details concerning the training and selection of candidates in their own Colonies.

These members have been distributed for V.A.D. work to hospitals in all parts of the War Zone—in Egypt, Salonika and France, as well as in England. Some have already served for eighteen months, and several have been mentioned in despatches.

We are doubly grateful for their help as proving the willingness of the women of our Overseas Dominions to bear their full share of the great burden that has fallen upon our Empire.

KATHARINE FURSE.

Please help to make "Overseas" the greatest magazine in the Empire.

Our Monthly Letter

I AM writing this Christmas letter five weeks before Christmas Day, and it is difficult, sitting at home in London on a gloomy November morning, to realise that the great festival of the year is not far off. The skies are grey. The shops bear little evidence of preparations for Christmas. Our Monthly Letter.

In the old days, London by the middle of November was full of Christmas cheer. The booksellers and stationers had made great displays of Christmas cards. The stores were crowded with heaps of good things for friends overseas, with presents galore, with monster Father Christmases, solemn-eyed, with their white beards, and crimson coats with imitation snow dressing, with gifts for the children, over which men in the Black Forest and in Baden, in the Hartz Mountains, in Paris *ateliers*, in Grand Rapids' workshops and Cleveland factories, had toiled for months before. Each year brought its new wonders, toys more elaborate, toys more costly, toys more ingenious. Each year our young people, sated with superabundance, became more critical. In November we were planning our great pantomimes. Families were arranging their series of house parties, and childless couples were often enough preparing for their holiday in the Tyrol, in Switzerland, or in Italy.

THE CHANGING YEAR.—The world has changed. The abundance of all the nations no longer empties itself in an apparently ceaseless stream on London. Christmas cards are things of yesterday. Christmas feasts this year will be carried out in moderation and simplicity, and there will be very few of them at that. The young people are no longer sated with extravagant toys, for the men from Grand Rapids, from Paris and from the German forests have had other things to do than to make toys for them. A week or two hence we will begin to stir ourselves in earnest for Christmas. It

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will be a quieter Christmas than in the olden days, and for very many it will be a day when memories of those who are gone will come keener, fresher, more poignant than ever.

"A Happy Christmas!" There are those to whom the words will seem a mockery and the happiness a sham. And yet, though the outward seeming of Christmas has changed in this old world of ours, the reality of Christmas remains. For it is the day that the memories of absent ones are recalled, the day to make others happy, and to step outside the narrow limits of our own personal interests. It is the day which bears witness that pain and grief, loss and suffering, though they may try us, are not yet masters of our souls. For above the pain and above the sorrow of life to-day one great purpose is being shaped which is going to make this old earth of ours a better and finer world than humanity has ever known before. To-day, when we are paying the high price of war, paying it to the full, it is difficult to look beyond the strife and the grief of the hour. But this Christmas season we may well lift our eyes beyond to the days of victory ahead, to the goal still far off and with many great obstacles intervening which we must reach before humanity can again hear the glad message, "Peace on earth and good-will towards men."

CHRISTMAS AT THE FRONT.—How will the boys at the Front spend their Christmas? I had the good fortune last Christmas Day to be with a division just below Vimy Ridge. Many preparations had been made ahead. The officers had sent out far and wide to buy special supplies of good things. Packages of all kinds had been sent from England and from Canada. Unfortunately many of the packages were posted so late that, a slight hitch occurring *en route*, owing to Boulogne Harbour being temporarily blocked up, prevented them arriving in time for Christmas Day.

But despite this failure there were good things in plenty. Along the larger part of our line we agreed to give Heine a rest that day if he did not attack us. The companies just

relieved from the front lines made their homes—barns and rooms in the village as cheerful as they could with gay decorations. There was Church service in the morning, and one *padre* went right forward to have a celebration of Communion for the boys in the foremost trenches. There was a good meal for every one—turkey and vegetables, sweet corn, puddings and fruits. To judge from the look of the lads, as they laughed and joked over their meal, it was very difficult to believe that only two days before they had come out of one of the severest spells of trench fighting it was possible to experience.

Every one was in high spirits. Then in the afternoon there were concerts and entertainments. A band played in the village street. The Y.M.C.A. had a joy feast. The Scotchmen got up their own concert. There were speeches and songs and good wishes for the folk far away. Some of the men crept off by themselves to take out from their pocket-books the pictures of wives and children, or sweethearts, and to look at them with a lump in their throats. "May this be the last Christmas Day in the trenches!" was the open wish of every one. Not that they wanted to go until the fighting was over, but every one hoped then that a year hence would see the War ended.

IN NO MAN'S LAND.—The men in the front trenches and in No Man's Land were not so fortunate. I spent the afternoon with them. The mud was terrible, parts of our line being so bad owing to the heavy rains that it seemed as though one might sink right in. Out in No Man's Land we were all wet and cold; no Christmas dinner could come up here. The very

Waiting in the Reserve Trenches.

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fact that it was Christmas Day, a day when we might look for peace, compelled us to be more watchful lest the Hun sprang a surprise on us. I shall never forget the picture of our outposts in No Man's Land almost under the German wires, standing with bomb in hand, with ears intent and with rifles ready, covered with mud, their very faces plastered with it. Then darkness came on. The Germans started sending up their flares in a great semicircle around us. The guns began to speak, at first slowly and at long intervals, and then as night went on, more and more frequently.

CARING FOR THE WOUNDED.—Many of my readers far overseas will have dear ones this Christmas sick and wounded in hospitals at the bases or in England. They need be under no fear about their comfort at this time. Every hospital observes Christmas as a gala day. Doctors and nurses, patients and visitors unite for this occasion to have a real jollification. The spirit of Christmas comes to the wards days before Christmas itself arrives. The walls are decorated. Every ward has at least one man who is skilled in making wonderful chains of tissue paper. People all around remember the soldier in hospital at this season if they never remembered him before. I am bound to state that in every part of England that I know the people around the hospitals are exceedingly anxious to do everything they can for the soldiers there. They recognise their debt to them. They have a feeling of personal affection and sympathy which breaks down aloofness and ends the old barriers of class or caste. There are, of course, stupid visitors. There are occasionally people who are foolishly patronising and others who are bores, but these are the exceptions. The presence of the sick and wounded soldiers has been from the first the occasion for an amount of kindly, friendly, honest sympathy and helpfulness throughout Britain. This feeling of kindliness never reaches such a height as in Christmas week. And so if you are to picture the wounded man's Christmas in hospital you must think of him, if he is not too ill for any enjoyment, as having a day from early morning till lights are lowered in the evening full of Christmas happiness.

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Very likely there is a procession before dawn when a doctor disguised as Father Christmas and nurses made up for the occasion go from ward to ward singing carols and scattering Christmas greetings. Then come breakfast and presents, the arrival of the post, the parcels that have been carefully concealed, the surprises for every one. In the afternoon there is certain to be a concert or some kind of entertainment, and the evening finishes a day when many pain-worn men have forgotten pain and loss, at least for a time. Happiness is a great healer and Christmas time is at the hospitals a season of happiness.

THE CLOSING YEAR.—It would be idle to deny that 1917 brought with it disappointments and losses, but it also brought glorious encouragement. The failure of Russia and the invasion of Italy have been bitter blows to us. The enemy were enabled so to strengthen themselves along our front that some of the things we had hoped and anticipated did not come off. Yet nearly all along our line we have gone forward. On Christmas, 1916, we held the lowlands in Flanders and France, with the enemy commanding us and firing down on us. To-day we hold, over most of the line, the high ridges with the enemy below. Vimy, Messines and Passchendaele stand out as three names of glory in the annals of the Empire.

Time after time during the year that is past our armies have attacked the entrenched positions of the enemy, positions strengthened by years of preparation. Time after time the enemy have attempted to secure our positions at any cost and have been repulsed. 1917 has proved afresh the unity and devotion of the Empire. The glorious record of the Canadian Army Corps for this past year at Vimy Ridge, Arleux, Hill 70, Passchendaele and Lens can never be forgotten. Australians and New Zealanders have done their turn and done it splendidly, and the Dominions proudly recognise how fine

"Granny" and her Food.

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and how great has been the work all along the long lines of the Divisions drawn from all parts of the United Kingdom. In this War there is no room for jealousy. We all need all the help from each other that we can get.

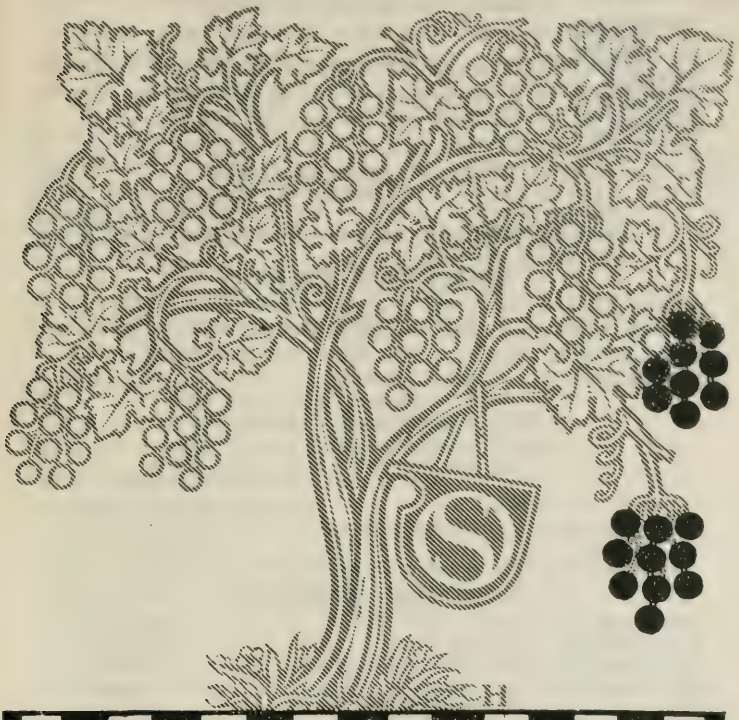
Some of my readers have been disappointed during the past few months, that in number after number I emphasise not so much our victories as the need for greater effort. I did so then and I do so now, because the one fact written all across the history of the campaign of 1917 is that, much as we have done, still more remains to be done.

If the year ahead is to see the end of the War, as we all pray God that it may, that result can only be attained by efforts greater, broader, even better directed than those we have made. Heavy calls must be faced, for the price of victory is a high one. We face these calls with confidence and resolution, with courage and stout hearts. This is the day when weaklings might waver, but our Imperial destiny has been built up by people who knew no wavering in those dark days in earlier centuries when our fate lay in the balance, as it lies in the balance to-day.

THE TANKS.—The battle of Cambrai has brought good cheer to the Empire. As I write it is impossible to say how far the victory will go, or what its ultimate results will be. Optimists talk of turning a large section of the German line : cautious men say that it will at least compel the Germans to divert large numbers of their troops from Flanders to guard against similar disasters elsewhere. The battle was essentially a triumph of the new Tanks, which surprised the enemy and cleared the way for our infantry. The Tank, in its earliest form, used often under unsuitable conditions, did not realise all the expectations formed of it. The super-Tank, launched at Cambrai, bears promise of great things. The message of the Tanks' commander—Brigadier-General Hugh Jameson Elles—has gone through the Empire : "England expects that every tank will do its damndest." The best brains of the Empire are to-day seeking to evolve new ways of war—on land, sea, and in sky—to end the enemy, and greater inventions are yet ahead.

F. A. McKENZIE.

THE OVER-SEAS CLUB TREE



A NEW YEAR RESOLUTION.

This month another fruit has ripened on our Tree, thus nearly completing a second bunch.

Each black fruit represents 1,000, and each bunch 10,000 Members enrolled.

Will every reader make a special resolve to take an active part in our Membership Campaign during 1918? Extending the Over-Seas Club Movement is practical Empire-building. To date we have 19,005 subscribing Members as distinct from 110,000 Associates and 20,000 branch membership.

THE OVER-SEAS CLUB

(Empire Unity).

(Patron : His Majesty The King.)

THE Over-Seas Club is a non-party society of British subjects residing in all parts of the world. Its underlying motive is to promote the unity of British subjects. Its four chief objects are :

1. To help one another.
2. To render individual service to our Empire.
3. To maintain our Empire's supremacy upon the seas and in the air.
4. To draw together in the bond of comradeship British people the world over.

MEMBERS' CREED

BELIEVING the British Empire to stand for justice, freedom, order and good government, we pledge ourselves, as citizens of the greatest Empire in the world, to maintain the heritage handed down to us by our fathers.

We sailed wherever ship could sail,
We founded many a mighty State,
Pray God our greatness may not fail
Through craven fears of being great.

—TENNYSON.

Date of Inception	August 27th, 1910.
Membership (including Associates)	152,044
Subscribing Membership	19,005

FUNDS RAISED.

Over-Seas Club Tobacco Fund	£263,309
Over-Seas Club Aircraft Fund	£162,313
Over-Seas Soldiers' and Sailors' Fund	£28,848
Over-Seas Red Cross Fund	£28,943
Over-Seas Club Belgian Soldiers' Fund ...	£22,858
Over-Seas Club Hamper Fund	£12,134
Royal Flying Corps Hospital Fund	£22,959
Grand Total Over-Seas War Funds	£541,364
Amount collected last month	£14,509

MEMBERSHIP FEE (Residents Over-Seas).

Entrance Fee	£0	2	6
Annual Subscription, including Membership List and year's subscription to "Overseas"	0	7	6
Life Membership (including Entrance Fee)	3	3	0
Life Membership (including Life Subscriptions to Magazine and Annual Membership List) ...	5	5	0

Members' subscriptions become due on January 1st each year. Subscriptions received after October 1st are carried forward to the following year.

Contributions to these Funds should be addressed to The Hon. Organiser, Over-Seas Club, General Buildings, Aldwych, London, W.C. 2.

At the Battle of Passchendaele

By F. A. McKenzie

At the Battle of Passchendaele.

NO man present at the Battle of Passchendaele can ever forget the horrors and glories, the miseries and the triumphs of that great field. It fell to the Canadian troops to make the main attacks, but the triumph is not theirs alone, it belongs to the whole Empire.

If you wish to picture a modern battle, you must think not only of the front line, where the infantry are creeping from shell hole to shell hole, advancing under heavy fire, driving the enemy back and digging themselves in. You must go further back, where the artillery have their stations, and back miles behind, to the Corps Headquarters where the battle is planned.

The Canadians are fortunate in their Commander. It is difficult to believe that Sir Arthur Currie was, four years ago, an active business man on the Pacific Coast. The first impression he gives you is that of a trained and expert military leader, and the more you see of him the more this impression deepens. He always has in his mind, not alone the men in the trenches, but the problems of supply and of communications, the co-ordination of different arms of the service, training and discipline. Canada has great reason to be proud of General Currie, for he has shown in a wider field as Corps Commander the high military qualities which he demonstrated in the earlier fighting from St. Julien to Vimy Ridge.

General Currie has the gift of inspiring his men. I was

Ypres—Ruins of the famous Cloth Hall in the Spring. (N.B.—The hall is nothing like this now.)

At the Battle of Passchendaele.

present when he reviewed a brigade shortly before it was going into battle. After he had walked down the ranks he summoned the battalions around him. They formed a close hollow square, with their Commander in the centre. Then he spoke as man to man. He told how the Commander-in-Chief had called them up to do a big job. A position had got to be taken. They had got to take it. He did not attempt to picture the task as a light one, but he appealed to the highest in them by briefly telling them of the glory of accomplishing the very difficult. "I rely upon you," said he. And the movement that went through the ranks showed that he would not rely upon them in vain. Nor did he !

Come to the field of battle itself. It may be said to start with the town of Ypres, which is still the object of special and constant attention from German guns and 'planes. Day and night the Germans shell it and bomb it. Ypres has changed so much during the past year that I scarcely recognised some of the streets. I was in it in 1915. It was then a hideous ruin. I was back there in 1916. It was then a super-ruin. But to-day whole streets have been practically wiped out, not merely all the houses shattered—for that happened two years ago—but the ruins so crumbled that one scarcely knows where the houses were.

Immediately beyond our old line outside Ypres you plunge into a morass of shell holes and of the debris of war. The more forward one goes the thicker the shell holes are. It was practically impossible to walk across the fields in those October days. Had any stranger tried to do so at night time he would have been drowned in a shell hole before he had travelled 200 yards. Hasty roads had been built, and along these roads there was a constant procession coming and going, supplies and empty ambulances moving forward, walking wounded, empty carts and ambulances full to the limit coming back. The Germans kept this countryside alive by concentrating steady artillery fire on it. On the days

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of our attack the uproar was so tremendous that you could not hear the whistle of the enemy shell approaching. All you knew was that there came a sudden thundering burst close by and a great geyser-like spouting of earth and smoke and bits of shell. You congratulated yourself that it was another miss and went on.

In some of the hottest points in this line, where the wounded paused in their journey downwards, the Y.M.C.A. had established aid stations. Here, in little canvas shelters, great cans of cocoa were brewed, and tins of biscuits brought up. Here the stretcher bearers, pausing with their burdens on the way, found refreshment, and passed it on to their charges. It was good to see how tenderly the stretcher bearers handled the wounded, how well they cared for them, how pitiful and kindly their every act.

Here we are at the dressing station still further up. The wounded are being brought down here from the front lines immediately after they have received first aid. The whole place is a shrieking inferno. Inside the dressing station it is almost impossible to hear oneself speak. Outside, waiting their turn on the the stretchers are men, who, two hours ago, were in the prime of their manhood. Some of them will never speak again, some of them will never see again, and some of them will never walk again with two legs on God's earth. The body of a dead horse a little way away lies stark and ghastly. The ground around is dyed red with blood from the wounds. Some of the wounded on the stretchers lie yellow and still, their faces going ashen grey. Some of them, still conscious, look up with a grin and a joke. "Tell my mother I've got a jake Blighty," says one lad to the padre.

Ypres—Ruins of the Old French Barracks.

At the Battle of Passchendaele.

One forgot for a time the mud and the rain. Everyone was splashed from head to foot in mire. The mules had almost lost their original colour. One wounded man showed nothing of himself save his glistening eyes. Everything else was mud. The boys advancing across No Man's Land slipped and staggered and stumbled. Woe be to the man who fell wounded into one of the shell holes. There was so much mud that after a time you ceased to think of it.

The artillery pave the way, and do it spendidly. The transport bring up supplies ; the ambulance men and stretcher bearers see to the wounded. But, after all, it is on the infantry who move out at zero hour from the jumping off place that the supreme issue rests. In the battle of Passchendaele the infantrymen were splendid. Caught at times by tremendous enfilading fire of the Germans, exposed to machine guns in numbers never previously equalled in war, advancing against tremendous concrete structures so thick as to be impervious to our artillery, they kept on. On the first day of the battle two score infantrymen with two subalterns perching aloft on Bellevue Spur saved the situation for us.

Think what our men did. The Germans had had years to prepare their position. They were able to build up fortifications of almost incredible strength. They were on the hill heights. Our infantrymen were in the valley. They were superior in numbers and guns. They could bring to bear a crushing weight of bullets. They were neither weaklings nor dotards, but sturdy, well-trained, determined soldiers, the pick of the German Army. And yet we won.

We won. Why ? Because of the good leadership and splendid rank and file. Because when it came to the test of man against man our Imperial Army proved the better men.

In these dark days we may yet augur from the work of the Canadians at Passchendaele good hope and good courage. The dark days will pass, but the steeled spirit and the stout heart of the Empire which gave us Passchendaele remains.

Dear Old London!

By W. R. Davidge, F.S.I., A.R.I.B.A., *etc., of the London Society, whose wide activities in connection with town building are well known throughout Australia and New Zealand.*

Dear Old London!

DEAR old London! London is something more than the capital of our British commonwealth. It is in itself, in more ways han one, the heart of the Empire, and to most of us there is an indefinable thrill about the very street names of London, so well known to us all, so reminiscent of our own early days, so full of reminders of those great Englishmen who have trodden these same highways.

We can at leisure hark back to what period we will. The streets and lanes of the old City are to this day based on the old Roman and mediæval lanes and alleys of the walled city. The first Roman settlement in London was on a very small area bounded by the "wall-brook," but, during the long four hundred years the Romans held sway in Londinium, the city was continually improved, and when the Romans left Britain they left a completely walled city extending from the Old Bailey to Billingsgate, and from London Wall to the river. The "square mile" of the old city within the line of the old Roman walls is still the very heart of the business community. Cheapside, the principal thoroughfare of the Middle Ages, is the central axis of the walled city, exactly parallel with, and half-way between "London Wall" and the river Thames. The Mansion House itself stands on the site of the old "stocks market," in the very centre of the city, and on what was probably once the site of the Forum of Roman days.

We have it on the authority of Sir

[*Messrs. Judges, Ltd.*
Old Sun Dial, Amen Court.

Dear Old London!

Christopher Wren that Bow Church, Cheapside, is on the site of an old Roman temple; and equidistant from the Mansion House on the eastern side is Leadenhall Market, another old site, where remains of a large Roman basilica have been found. In Lombard Street, 14 feet or so below the present surface, are numerous Roman pavements showing a very advanced stage of civilisation, and, in some cases, charred fragments of buildings in this neighbourhood have come to light indicating the tragedy of the times when the Romans had to depart and leave their settlement to others.

Of Saxon and Danish London there are few authentic records, but the place names of many of London's suburbs, such as Hampstead and Eltham, still record the Saxon homestead or the "Old Home," while the physical features of the countryside can be seen in such names as Holborn, which takes its name from the Hole-bourn or Fleet River (Dutch Vliet), which still runs underground and into the river at Blackfriars.

We still have with us some fragments of the London of the Crusaders, whose church of St. Bartholomew in "Smoothfield" is still almost as it was in Norman days. We can follow the knights who rode out from the "New Gate" along "Giltspur Street" to their famous tilting ground of "Smoothfield," hard beneath the city walls. Which of us passing by this same "Smithfield" nowadays thinks of it as the home of jousts and revels and the place where in later days many English martyrs suffered for their staunch and steadfast faith? We can still trace the line of those ancient walls from St. Giles, Cripplegate. We can walk either along London Wall, the street inside the wall, or outside the wall along Fore Street, past the Barbican; we can, if we will, walk through Aldermanbury Postern or the Moorgate out on to the "Moor-fields," where centuries of archers and bowmen have been trained in marksmanship. Further along "Houndsditch" still marks the site of the ditch outside the city wall between the city gates of Bishopsgate and Aldgate.

We can still follow FitzStephen's fascinating description of the City of London as it was in the twelfth century in the days of Thomas à Beckett, when he tells us that "the only

pests of London are the immoderate drinking of fools and the frequency of fires.'' We still have with us the ''Holy wells,'' of which the chronicler tells us, though not every city clerk would nowadays adopt FitzStephen's advice to walk out to Clerkenwell, which as a place of note was then ''visited by the scholars and youths of the City when they go out for fresh air on Summer evenings.''

Dear Old London!

In the Middle Ages the many religious orders held powerful sway in London, and the streets of the old city were full of monks of the various orders. The monastery of the Black Friars stood where now stands the city end of Blackfriars Bridge. Austin Friars was once the home of the Augustinian friars. White Friars Street and Carmelite Street remind us of the White Friars whose home stood just south of Fleet Street.

The Greyfriars of Christ's Hospital, the Carthusians of ''Charter House,'' the Knights of St. John, St. Martin's-le-Grand, the priory of St. Helens, and the Minoresses (now known as the Minories) were all important ecclesiastical establishments, most of which were swept away or altered at the time of the Reformation. Even now such a street name as ''Crutched Friars'' at once arrests our attention. Hard by St. Paul's we have Paternoster Row, Creed Lane, Ave Maria Lane, and finally Amen Corner—the very names make the choristers rise before our eyes. ''Covent Garden'' itself is on the site of what was once a convent garden. The Temple and the Inns of Court tell us of centuries of lawyers and law students, and the old buildings of Staple Inn in Holborn are still a delight to the eye of the antiquarian.

With buildings and names such as these, we can, if we will, transplant ourselves to the days of the Tudors, of King Henry VIII. or Elizabeth. The Strand, formerly indeed the strand or bank of the river bending round with the curve of the Thames, was in Elizabeth's day full of the residences of

[*Messrs. Judges, Ltd.*
The Horse Guards, Whitehall.

Dear Old London !

the great men of the land. Outside Temple Bar, going westward, the very names of the streets leading down to the river tell us of the many great houses that stood all along the Strand to Charing Cross and down to Westminster. Arundel and Norfolk Streets, on the site of Arundel House; Somerset House, once the residence of the Duke of Somerset; the old Palace of the Savoy, the Hotel Cecil of our days, stands where once stood the home of the Cecils. Northumberland Avenue stands where once was Northumberland House, and so on to the White Hall of the King, hard by which is Scotland Yard, where for so many years a king of Scotland was kept a close prisoner.

Queen Elizabeth was seriously alarmed at the constant increase of population, and an Act of Parliament actually prohibited all new buildings within three miles of the city gates. James I. also attempted the impossible task of preventing the further growth of London, and Cromwell went one better by prohibiting all buildings within ten miles of London. None of these measures had any lasting effect, but another enactment of Queen Elizabeth, which was made applicable to the whole country, was much more beneficial in its results. This Act laid down that no cottage should be erected anywhere unless it had at least four acres of ground attached to it. This standard was maintained for nearly two centuries, and no doubt had very considerable effect in the upbringing of the sturdy yeomen of the 17th and 18th centuries.

As we go along Whitehall, we can still mark the window of the Banquet Hall from which King Charles I. stepped out on that January morning when he went to his death, and at Westminster, the dear old Abbey, crowded with memories and inspiration, has itself shared in all the joys, aye ! and the sorrows, of Britain and the British Empire.

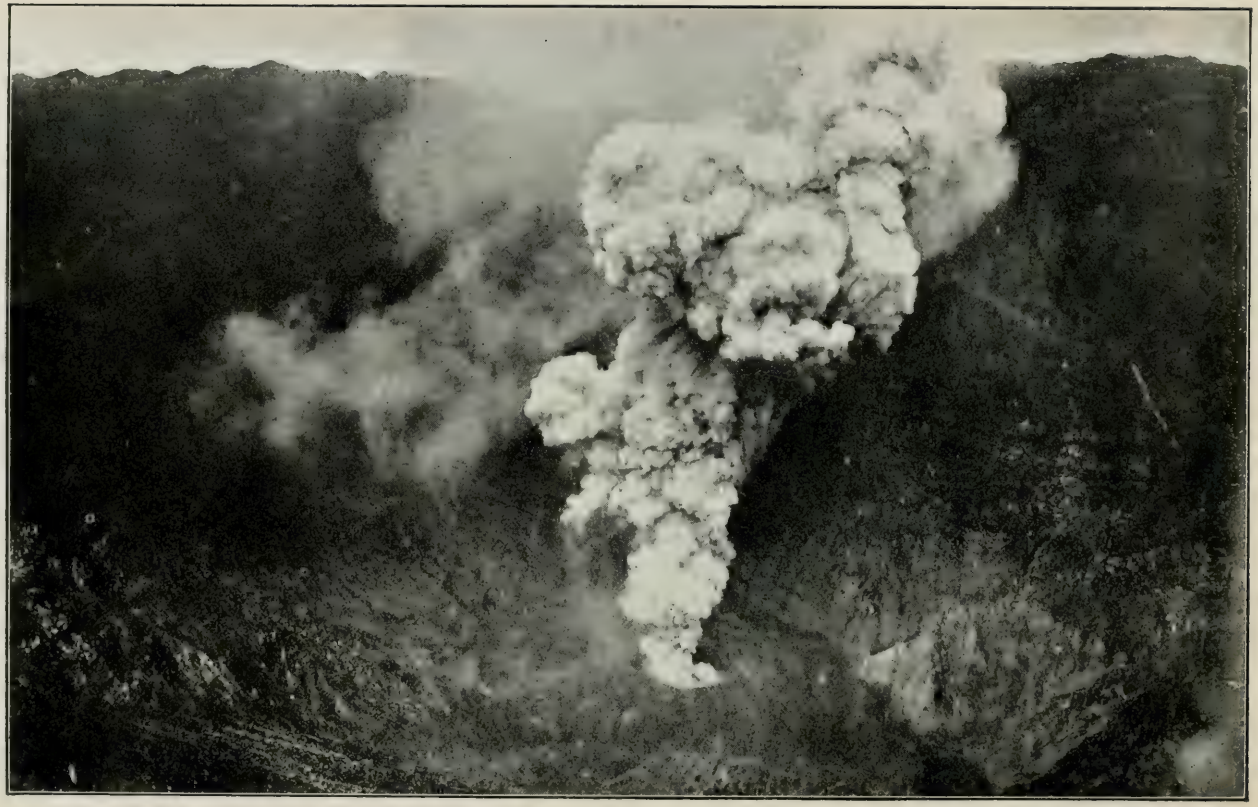
In modern London the London Society, of 27, Abingdon Street, Westminster, just opposite the Houses of Parliament, is doing its best to shape the future growth of Greater London on wise and far-sighted lines. At present, in addition to the London County Council, the City Corporation, and twenty-eight metropolitan borough councils, there are nearly a hundred other local authorities in Greater London, and there is great need for co-ordination in the work of all these authorities for the public weal.

OVERSEAS

His Majesty's Land Ships.

A Tank Going into Action.

On the Cambrai Road—Awaiting the Order to Advance.



VOLCANO IN ERUPTION IN REPUBLIC OF SAN SALVADOR.—THIS MONTH'S PRIZE PHOTO.

Sent by Mr. J. Wright, British Consulate, San Salvador, Central America, an enthusiastic O.-S. Member.

A Newfoundlander's Impressions of the "Homeland"

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"ENGLAND has become very dear to me—I speak as a Colonial (a title of which I am very proud) who had never visited the old country before the outbreak of war."

The speaker was a khaki-clad Newfoundlander, whose cherished ambition had long been to visit the land of which he had read and heard so much and who, proving himself an exception to an old-established belief, had found the pleasures of realisation even greater than those of anticipation.

"At home, in Newfoundland," he continued, "we always spoke of England as the 'Homeland,' and the boats plying between her ports and St. John's were always spoken of as the 'home boats.' How well I remember the day when our troopship neared land and we entered the mouth of the Mersey! A thick fog had completely enveloped us for some hours when, suddenly, the sun burst forth, cleaving a path through the mist, and Liverpool appeared before our eyes like some great black and white mass thrown in our way. All was bustle and excitement for a time and it was not till we were in what seemed to me a spotlessly neat and tidy station that I had time to take stock of my surroundings. The size of the trains caused us some amusement—they seemed like painted toys and we were still joking about their lilliputian proportions when the guard's whistle blew. Gee whiz! how the train leaped ahead! We seemed to fly through stations like streaks of lightning and the telegraph poles swept past in a blur. Great Britain's railway system won my respect there and then, and I have since found that in all ways it compares most favourably even with those of Canada and the United States.

"As I looked out of the window it struck me that we were

A Newfoundlander's Impressions of the "Homeland."

going through a cultivated garden, and this impression has never left me. Go where you will England is a garden, and its roses, green fields and country lanes are a joy to the stranger. Grander or finer scenery there may be in many parts of the world, but not, I think, prettier, and this is especially true in the spring and summer months when the much-maligned British climate is at its softest and best.

"I was perfectly amazed at the really glorious scenery in the Lake District, and cannot understand why so few people visit it. The hills of Newfoundland may be higher and wilder, but they lack the wonderful green of the English summits and that sense of restfulness which your hills produce. Again, Newfoundland lakes, while far bigger, have not the same gem-like setting as, say, Buttermere. It seems to me that the true reason why the Englishman proverbially depreciates his own country is that he knows so little about it; it is usually only the travelled Briton who rightly appreciates Great Britain's worth.

"Perhaps one of the chief things which Colonials do not admire in the Old Country is her slowness and the difficulty she seems to experience in moving with the times. In fact she reminds me forcibly at times of the fable of the old man riding his ass to market with his youngest son trudging behind. The old man listened to the different plans proposed by fellow travellers as to the best way of getting to the town and tried them each in turn; through the time lost in constantly changing places, instead of keeping to one plan of his own the market was closed when the three finally reached town. The analogy, however, does not hold good throughout, I am glad to say, as Great Britain generally manages to reach her goal in the end with flying colours.

"As a matter of fact it should be far easier for the average Englishman to 'better himself' than for the Newfoundlander, for your educational facilities are so much greater than ours. In the first place we have no compulsory education, and it is no uncommon thing to find ordinarily intelligent men and women living in out-lying fishing villages who

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can neither read nor write. In the second place, some of the villages and small towns of Newfoundland are only accessible by water, and in many cases children have to travel miles to attend some neighbouring village which is lucky enough to possess a schoolroom and a teacher. However, though they may be illiterate, the poor of Newfoundland are extremely lovable—in reality children of Nature.

"It is impossible to give you any idea of the fascination which London has for me. When one considers of what colourless atoms a typical London scene is composed it is wonderful how coloured and varied the aggregate becomes. To those who hail from some small town overseas and have never seen a really great city, London is at first almost overwhelming. I have known fishermen, who have lived all their lives in a little Newfoundland fishing village of fifty to 100 inhabitants positively terrified during their first day in London. But if I start to talk about London I shall never finish!

"The Englishman is a good walker, but not a quick one, and this perhaps is typical of him in both business and pleasure. I can't help feeling that as a rule he has not the art of amusing himself. He always wants cut-and-dried amusements planned for him. We make our own pleasures in Newfoundland, and I think they are all the more enjoyable because of this. In one thing you score though, and that is in the week-end habit. The country is so ideal, and distances are not too great. Then there are the theatres and restaurants which certainly rank high among English pleasures. You mix work and play very skilfully, too, which is perhaps why the average Britisher is so good-natured. Or again, this might be ascribed to tea drinking! In Newfoundland a man would be considered somewhat of a molly-coddle if he drank tea in the afternoon, but I think we shall probably take the tea habit back with us. Of course, one reason why we did not indulge in pre-war days is that we have our principal meal about 6 o'clock in the evening.

"I fear these impressions are very sketchy, but they may serve to show how much I love the wonderful Motherland whose determination to enforce her ideal of right and justice on the world will always win the ungrudging support of her loyal sons throughout the Empire."

AT BAY.

GREAT BRITAIN AND FRANCE (to their comrade, ITALY): "Stick to it!"

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OVERSEAS

BOUT OURSELVES.—Our readers will notice that "Overseas" has grown larger again this month. We are greatly encouraged by the messages of appreciation we receive from our friends in all parts of the world and by the way in which our circulation is going ahead. We cannot however insist too often on the fact that our little journal is a co-operative venture. We want suggestions and criticisms from every reader. We hope too that more and more our Members will submit contributions. Think of all the talent there must be among our 152,000 membership! Then there is the series "A Day in My Life," or "Why I Went Overseas and What Happened to Me." The more simple, human accounts of this nature we can receive the better, for in this way we can obtain a sympathetic insight into the lives of our fellow Britons in other parts of the world. Last, but not least, each Member can make himself responsible for fresh subscribers and thus help us to attain our aim—that "Overseas" should find its way into every British home.

Overseas News from Headquarters.

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OUR SNAPSHOT COMPETITION.—As announced last month, we are offering a monthly prize of £1 1s. for the snapshot we consider the best, instead of an annual prize of £5. This month's prize winner is Mr. John Wright, of San Salvador, whose splendid photograph of a volcanic eruption faces p. 53. We hope all our friends will send us snapshots so that every part of the world may be illustrated in our pages.

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OUR CLUB FUNDS.—The totals of the Over-Seas Club Patriotic Funds will be found on p. 44. Last month we collected in all £14,509. The staff has been kept busy with the Christmas mails, but the more bulky they are the

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better we are pleased, for each contribution received means a little extra cheer for the "boys" at this season of remembrance.

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OUR R.F.C. HOSPITAL FUND.—Donations to the R.F.C. Hospital Fund are still coming in. We have just issued a little souvenir booklet, entitled "The Over-Seas Club and the Royal Flying Corps Hospitals," which we are sending to all contributors as a token of appreciation of their generous response to our appeal. In this, the names of all subscribers whose donations were received before October 1st are included, but the booklet will also be sent to those whose names are received after this date. Further moneys sent in response to this appeal will go to the R.F.C. Convalescent Home about which we will tell you more next month.

Our readers will learn with interest that Mr. Wrench (who, by the way, every Member will be glad to hear, was gazetted Captain a fortnight ago) has been elected a member of the Royal Flying Corps Hospital Committee as a mark of appreciation of the splendid help rendered by the Over-Seas Club during the past year. Mr. Wrench is now engaged on work in connection with the output of aircraft in this country.

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THEIR MAJESTIES' PORTRAITS.—The Club Rooms have recently received a very welcome gift. Their Majesties the King and Queen have been graciously pleased to present signed copies of their portraits to Headquarters. They are to be hung in the entrance hall, where we hope all readers of "Overseas" will at one time or another be able to see them. We are very ambitious for our Club Rooms. We want to make them an Imperial Rendez-vous combining true dignity and true hospitality in equal proportions—a centre to which all who have the welfare of the Empire at heart will be naturally drawn, and where all overseas visitors may be sure of a hearty welcome. We are always pleased to get letters like the following from Miss Rishworth, a Member now engaged in war work at Moorfield Military Hospital, Derbyshire, who writes, "I should like to tell you how much I appreciate the Over-Seas Club. I think it is just the dearest

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little place in all London, and I never miss a chance of visiting it.''

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HON. H. G. JENKINS ON AUSTRALIA.—Some hundred Members at present in the Old Country met in the lounge on the 28th of last month to hear a talk by the Hon. J. G. Jenkins, late Premier of South Australia. Mr. Jenkins gave us a most interesting address in which he surveyed Australia's recent development, present position and future possibilities. Captain Savage, of Australia House, was in the Chair, and Sir John Kirk, of the Ragged School Union, well-known to many of our overseas readers, seconded the vote of thanks which the Chairman moved at the end of the meeting.

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WITH THE R.F.C. IN THE FIELD.—This month we are fortunate enough to have persuaded ''Boyd Cable'' to come and speak to us. He is at present on active service with the R.F.C., and will speak on the work of our wonderful airmen in the field. In accepting our invitation ''Boyd Cable'' writes, ''I shall be very pleased indeed to give a lecture to the Members of the Over-Seas Club, the more so as I know what a lot they have done for the Air Services, and because I have met out here and been flown in machines given through them, I believe.''

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MEMBERSHIP CAMPAIGN.—You will notice that a new fruit has been ripened on our Tree (p. 43) this month, which makes a fitting ending to the Old Year. We are planning a new device whereby we hope that our readers will be able to take a more individual share in the growth of our membership and follow its progress more

Mr. F. B. Tregarthen, a very active H.C.S., at Ingeniero White, Bahia Blanca, F.C.S., Argentine Republic.

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closely. This, we hope, will appear in the New Year issue of "Overseas," and be a happy augury for the result of our Campaign during 1918.

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"I'D MAKE O.S. MATTERS HUM."—Extending our membership is a task in which even the settler "out back," or the man or woman living in some tiny British community, the members of which already belong to our Club, can co-operate. Over and over again we get letters which read, "My nearest white neighbour is twenty-five miles from here. . . . There is no one left to rope in within a twenty mile radius. . . . If only I were in a British community I'd soon make O.S. matters hum," etc. To these Members we would say, have you no friends or relatives in the Old Country?

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WRITE TO FRIENDS "AT HOME."—Our ideal of Imperial unity can never be achieved till Britons in the Homeland link up with their fellow subjects scattered throughout the seven seas, and perhaps no more effective way of interesting them in our movement could be devised than a letter from overseas telling them what the Club is doing to band Britons together the world over. Therefore, if you are so placed that there is no one whom you can rope in locally, we would suggest that you should try the persuasive powers of your pen on your friends in the Old Country.

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MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS.—Annual subscriptions to the Club become due on January 1st. May we appeal to you to help to reduce our work at Headquarters and to save money both in postage and stationery by forwarding the amount due without waiting for a renewal notice? We are all so busy nowadays that there will always be a certain proportion of Members to whom it is necessary to send such a reminder. Will you lessen this proportion by forwarding your subscription at once? In this case, as in most others, the saying "He who gives quickly gives twice," holds good.

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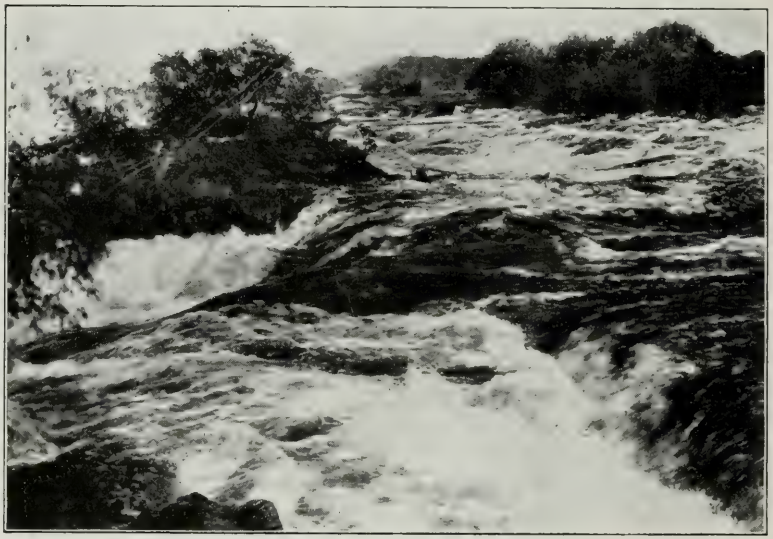
BRANCH NEWS.—Space will not permit us to detail the various activities of all our Branches during the past month,

A HAPPY FAMILY: A GROUP OF WEST HIGHLAND TERRIERS. [*Reid, of Wishaw.*

On the Zambesi River.

(Sent by Mr. Percy Clark, F.R.G.S., Victoria Falls, Rhodesia.)

Motor Boat on the Zambesi.



The Rapids above Victoria Falls.

PRESENTED BY THE OVERSEAS CLUB WITH "OVERSEAS."

Photo by *W. & D. Downey.*

HER MAJESTY QUEEN MARY.

Pictures from Papua.

These Photos were taken by Mr. P. N. Charpentier, Papua. The O.-S. Club has a very strong following in Papua.

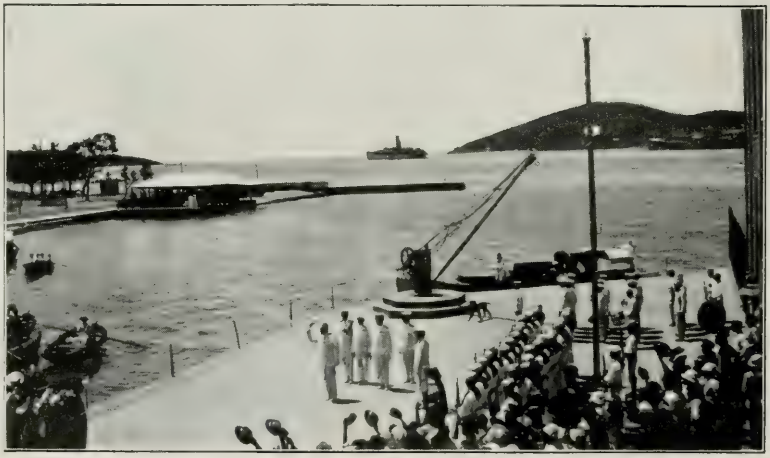
Papuan Natives will face any Sea in these Canoes.

Papuan Natives making Pottery which is placed in the Sun to harden.

Transfer of Virgin Isles, West Indies, to U.S.A.

Sent by Mr. T. B. Kettle, St. Thomas, Virgin Isles, U.S.A.

The Fort, St. Thomas, now Flying the Stars and Stripes.



Landing of the New Governor, March 31st, 1917.

Overseas News from Head-quarters.

but a few letters from energetic Hon. Secretaries are on my desk as I write.

In the first place there is one from Mr. T. Womersley, the Secretary of our most recent offshoot, the London Diamond Fields Branch in the Bloemhof district, South Africa. The inception of this Branch was largely due to the efforts of the officers of the Benoni and Johannesburg Branches, and if it is able to follow the example of other Transvaal Branches it will have a great future before it.

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WELL DONE, JO'BURG.—Our Johannesburg Branch is forging ahead splendidly. It is always a pleasure to hear from its officers, Mr. A. A. Clarke, Mr. J. Wessels or Mr. A. E. Thistleton, for each letter tells us of new Members enrolled and of fresh activities. By the way, their methods of sending in statements would make an excellent model for any new Branch. We are glad to learn that Lord Buxton has consented to become Patron of this Branch and that it is highly probable that General Smuts and General Botha will both become Vice-Patrons. Johannesburg's response to our R.F.C. Hospital Appeal constitutes a record, as it subscribed over £3,400 ; of this amount £1,617 being sent by the R.F.C. Hospital Fund Ladies Committee.

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685 MEMBERS IN SHANGHAI.—Cheering news comes to hand from Shanghai. The Secretary, Mr. Campbell Henerson writes : "I beg to enclose an alphabetical list of our Members. They number 685 in all, and of these 76 are new Members." The list looked quite imposing and we are hoping that Shanghai's membership will soon be counted in four figures. Other Branch news, we fear, must be held over till next month.

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A CORRECTION.—In the 1917 Membership List Mr. W. Booth's address was incorrectly given. For the information of his friends overseas who may wish to get into touch with him, we print his correct address below. W. H. Booth, Esq., c/o Metropolitan Munitions Committee, Alexandra House, Kingsway, W.C.

H. C.

The Work of the Patriotic League

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RETROSPECT.—At the end of three years it may be interesting to review the work of the League and mention some of the results. There are now 159 branches, and we have received a total amount from our friends of £131,175. We have offered to His Majesty's Air Services twelve seaplanes and twenty-nine aeroplanes, which have been accepted with kindest expressions of thanks by the authorities concerned. Most of these machines have been named after the branches by whom their cost has been met. We have received some confidential reports of their behaviour in the various seats of war, which we have forwarded to the donors. Large donations have been received, besides the subscriptions to our League, for special War funds, especially for

The British Red Cross Society, £19,966;

The St. Dunstan's Hostel for Blinded Soldiers, £2,942;

and the Royal Flying Corps Hospitals, £6,754 ;

and the sum of £9,396 has been handed over to some seventy other War funds.

We have also been able to send out to our friends abroad a large amount of propaganda literature, which we have been happy to know has been made good use of.

One not unimportant effect of our operations we believe to have been the formation of a bond of union between British subjects outside the King's dominions, which is certain to promote the interests of the Empire in foreign lands, especially among British units in places isolated from European associations.

FINANCE.—We have collected from October 13th to November 10th £3,431, of which £1,150 is for our League funds and £2,281 for various War funds.

BRANCH NEWS.—We have much pleasure in mentioning that a new Branch has been formed at *Victoria*, Brazil. The inaugural meeting was held on August 13th, when Mr. Brian Barry was elected President and Chairman, Mr. G. C. le Mottee, Hon. Treasurer, and Mr. Lewis Gillam, Hon. Secretary.

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Rio de Janeiro has shown itself very vigorous during the last few months in contributing to various War funds. They have sent to us £143 5s. 7d. as August subscriptions to our League, besides £48 4s. 10d., the proceeds of a September dance in the grounds of the Rio Cricket and Athletic Association, Nictheroy, for the Joint War Committee of the British Red Cross Society and the Order of St. John of Jerusalem. They have also indulged in a country fair and fancy dress ball for the same object, from the first of which they handed us £600 and from the second £500. The souvenir of the country fair was itself an attractive and amusing feature.

Our *Indo-China* Branch at Saigon on Empire Day gave a concert, held a football match, and drew the residents together at a garden party. Half the proceeds, amounting to £700 17s. 6d., were sent to us for the Royal Flying Corps Hospital, the other half being handed to the French Red Cross Society, both British and French having supported the day's engagements in a most generous manner.

OUR DAY.—From the *Grand Canary Branch* at Las Palmas we received by telegram £700 for the British Red Cross. The Chairman's usual interesting monthly letter tells us that, in connection with the appeal, one of the most attractive entertainments ever held in the island was organised by Mrs. Swinburne in the gardens of the Hotel Santa Catalina. It included a trio, tableaux vivants, "The Boy's Dream" (a ballet), and an Italian musical romance of the sixteenth century, entitled "Lucrezia." It realised £45 7s. 7d., devoted to swelling "Our Day's" collection. *Teneriffe* sends us £737 in response to the "Our Day" appeal.

OTHER BRANCH NEWS.—From *Shanghai* comes the substantial sum of £500 towards our League funds; from *Pernambuco* £40 for the British Red Cross, £60 for St. Dunstan's, £10 for the Tobacco Fund, £15 for the Blue Cross, £5 for the Prince of Wales's Fund, £2 10s. for aircraft, and £60 for membership subscriptions to the League, altogether £192 10s.

From *Seoul*, Corea, we have received £100 for League funds and £50 for the British Red Cross Society; from

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Genoa £15 3s. (making £41 8s. collected by that Branch for the Royal Flying Corps Hospital) ; and from *Santos* £100 for Lord Roberts' Memorial Workshops.

Katanga has kindly appropriated to our League funds £99 4s., sent to us in excess for War Savings Certificates. From *Tengyueh* has come £25 7s. for the League, and £20 from Mr. Fletcher for various War funds ; from *Rio Grande* £21 19s. 8d. for May, June and July subscriptions to the League ; and from *Bluefields* £20 11s. 4d. subscriptions to the League, besides £10 4s. 2d. for the Royal Flying Corps Hospital.

From *Santo Domingo* we have received £7 14s. 2d. for the R.F.C. Hospital, sent by British residents in Puerto Plata ; from *Carthagena* (Spain) £17 for the British Red Cross Society ; from *Yokohama* £10 for the Salvation Army Huts at the Front ; and from Mr. Merwin, British Vice-Consul, Frederiksted, St. Croix, West Indies, £4 18s. for the League funds.

We have received a very generous donation of £80 from *two friends* who wish to remain anonymous for the upkeep of a bed at the Star and Garter Hospital ; and from *Porto Alegre* Dr. Settimio Sempi has sent £5 6s. for the Royal Flying Corps Hospital.

WAR SAVINGS CERTIFICATES.—The purchase of these Certificates is one of the most effective ways in which our branches abroad can speed on the War. In China and Japan there have been instituted special War Savings Associations ; but at the same time we welcome money sent to ourselves for purchasing Certificates in London. Our *Katanga* Branch has just sent us £280 11s. for that purpose.

BOOKS FOR THE FRONT.—Mr. A. Feineira de Mathos, Ngaren Kopen Estate, Delanggoe, has sent us a large case of books for soldiers at the Front, free of all cost and charges, through Mr. E. T. Campbell, British Vice-Consul at Samarang. We had to obtain a licence from the Royal Commission on paper to bring them into the country, and we opened the case with some curiosity to see what sort of thing would come from that part of the world. We were delighted to find books of great interest and amusement, likely to find

favour among the soldiers for whose benefit they were sent, and had much pleasure in forwarding them to the Camps Library, of which the Hon. Mrs. Anstruther is the Secretary, and received from her a very appreciative acknowledgment, which we duly conveyed to Mr. de Mathos, for his kind thought. The Work of the Patriotic League.

THE FOUR SOPWITH CAMEL MACHINES which we purchased with the £6,000 handed to the Ministry of Munitions for the R.N.A.S. are to be named—

"Britons in Abyssinia, No. 1."
"São Paulo Britons No. 3."
"Bangkok Britons, No. 1."
"Britons Overseas, No. 9."

Chiengmai.—The Members of this up-country Siam Branch wish to present a motor ambulance to the Red Cross, and have been inquiring the cost. We accordingly sent them full information from the Ford Motor Co. and placed ourselves at their disposal to carry the project to completion.

Antofagasta.—We are very glad to mention that the Antofagasta British League has consented to act as our representatives in that city. We had much pleasure in again obtaining permission for them to exhibit the Somme Film from Oruro for a period of three weeks, the takings to be for the benefit of the Red Cross.

Bluefields.—We have received with much interest a detailed account of the subscriptions raised by this Branch for 1917. The greater portion of their Members are persons belonging to the working class of cosmopolitan origin, and the considerable sums they have sent us are contributed from hard-earned money out of genuine patriotic spirit.

WE WERE GLAD TO HEAR from our friend Mr. Alfred Webb, formerly of our Malaga Branch, who called upon us some weeks ago. His son is now a cadet in the Royal Flying Corps. Mr. Webb made an inquiry as to the possibility of importing certain Spanish products into this country, which we handed over to the Overseas Trade Bureau.

We also had a visit from the sons of our friend Mr. J. Turner, Hon. Treasurer of the Algiers Branch, and from Mr. de Martino, a Member of our Palermo Branch.

Why I Went Over-seas and What Happened to Me

By W. Foley, Hon. Treasurer of the Madrid Branch of the Patriotic League of Britons Over-seas.

[*We are always glad to receive for publication under the heading "Why I Went Overseas and What Happened to Me," papers from readers of our Magazine. How many thousands of Britons all over the world must be of the same opinion as Mr. Foley, and bless the day they sought fame and fortune across the seas!—Editor.*]

Why I Went Overseas and What Happened to Me.

FORTY-SEVEN years ago, being then nineteen years of age, I was employed in the offices of one of our large English Railway Companies. As everyone who has been in a similar position knows, the salary paid is hardly sufficient to live upon without parental assistance, and this I had not. Promotion, due to the large number of employees, would naturally be very slow, and the prospect of attaining to anything like a decent position was very remote. Consequently I looked about for some other means of bettering myself.

Through the instrumentality of some friends, I was offered a situation in Egypt which I had no hesitation in accepting; and I left England without the proverbial sixpence, notwithstanding that my superiors used many arguments to try and dissuade me from such a course. To better myself is, therefore, why I went overseas. What happened is as follows.

I got on rapidly in Egypt and stayed there ten years—1870 to 1880—and for the greater part of the time was in a fairly responsible position. In fact, I had as many as twenty-five clerks under me at one time, and was receiving what was, to me, a decent salary. I enjoyed the best of health and made a host of friends, probably not many of whom are alive to-day. At the latter part of 1880 I was offered a position in Cyprus, the administration of which had not long before been taken over by the British Government. In

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January, 1881, I went there with my wife and two daughters—having previously married while home on leave from Egypt—and I remained in Cyprus until 1887, when we returned to England with the intention of settling down "at home." During my seventeen years abroad I had saved something to fall back upon.

I was not happy in England, however, had no friends, and found it cold in more senses than one; so at the end of three months I accepted a position offered me on railway construction in the interior of the Argentine—700 miles from Buenos Aires. After an interval of a few months my wife and daughters joined me, and there we entered upon the novelty of bush life with great "gusto." Our previous existence abroad had taught my wife to make the best of everything, and she became, from sheer necessity, an expert cook. On the day of the first cricket match in that part of the world she provided a splendid lunch for over ninety persons. We were, therefore, never at a loss for something to eat, although it took a man three days to go to some gardens near Cordoba and return with a few sacks of fresh vegetables. Of poultry and eggs we had plenty, and we kept many and various kinds of animals and birds. My daughters became experienced and fearless "horsewomen" and nearly half their time was spent on horseback, a saddle or bridle never being thought of, simply a rope round the horse's nose and neck.

Landing at Buenos Aires in those days was a novelty—from the steamer, which lay some miles out in the river, to a tug, from the tug to a smaller boat, and finally from this to a bullock cart to be landed. Our experiences in the Argentine, both comical and serious, were very varied, but would take up too much space to relate. While in Cyprus I became fast friends with a young engineer who, about the time I left for the Argentine, went to Spain to join an established business house, and with whom I had kept up a correspondence. In 1891 a change in the business was contemplated, the older partners wishing to retire. My friend proposed that I should join him and buy them out. I came, saw, and stayed. At the end of fifteen years my partner died, and I have since carried on the business alone.

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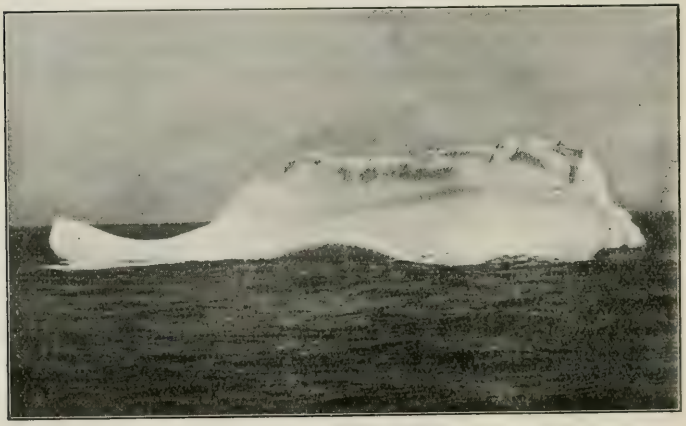
Here I am, then, at the age of sixty-six, in perfect health after forty-seven years' residence out of England, and, am happy to say, without any thought of where to-morrow's dinner is to come from ; my daughters comfortably married, the husband of one doing his bit "somewhere" as Lieut. R.N.V.R. I often wonder what might have been my lot had I remained in England :—with a certain amount of luck, perhaps, at most, a district goods' superintendent or something similar. I have always been a great believer in plenty of exercise, and in my time have led scores of cricket teams into the field. At the age of forty-one I took up tennis, and can even now hold my own against much younger men. I arranged the first cricket match ever played in Madrid, and both this past summer and the previous one I organised the tennis tournament at Santander in which Her Majesty the Queen of Spain took part. I initiated the Madrid Branch of the Patriotic League, which has already sent £230 to the Central Office. I greatly admire your Journal and the efforts made to bring overseas Britishers in touch with each other.



Titanic Berg. The Iceberg on which the *Titanic* foundered in April, 1912. Sent by Captain de Carteret, Halifax, Nova Scotia.

A Country Home in Chile, S. America.

Sent by Miss G. V. Mackay, New York, U.S.A.

The new "gardener" busy among the flowers at "Don" Alberto Mackenna's "San Juan" country home, Santiago.

Mr. Albert Mackenna under a rose bush. This side of the house shows the servants' quarters at "San Juan."

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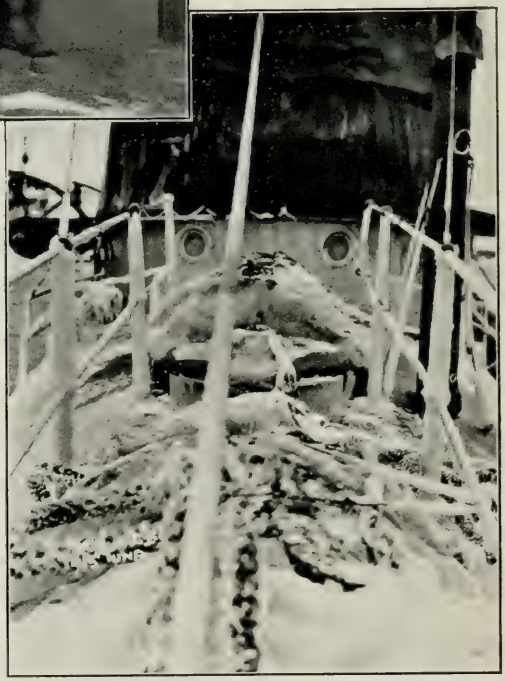
His Majesty's Canadian Navy.

These Photos, taken on H.M.C.S. Tuma, *were sent by Lieut. Bowers.*

Fortified against wind and snow.



A Cruise in Winter.

Decks of H.M.C.S. *Tuma* after a heavy snowfall at sea.

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From the Woman's Standpoint

[Under the nom de plume of "The Wayfarer," the writer, who has travelled extensively throughout the Oversea Dominions, writes a monthly letter from the woman's standpoint. We have now such a large number of women Members that we feel sure they will appreciate this feature. —Editor.]

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WOMEN WORKERS AT WOOLWICH.—Readers of "Overseas" would, I am sure, have shared the feelings of special interest with which I visited the Royal Dockyards at Woolwich, when I tell them that the Lady Superintendent, Mrs. Harwood, is a Member of the Club. For two years she has been organising the work there and has now three thousand women under her supervision; she has been regularly gazetted into the Army and was in uniform and made such a charming figure, that forthwith I found myself wishing for the first time that I was wearing khaki too!

Economy is the keynote struck at the Dockyards. Most workers are busy renovating military equipment. I saw hundreds of sacks piled up in a huge shed and asked what they contained. "They are full of belts and haversacks that have been picked up on the battlefield and which belonged to the killed and wounded, all sent here to be patched up, before being used again." I shuddered involuntarily: what tragedies lay behind each one of those soiled articles, what sights, what agony! . . . But there was much to see, the short winter's afternoon was closing in and we had to hurry on. I was taken through shed after shed, each with its long tables and busy workers. Here a woman was carefully examining mosquito netting to make sure there was no hole through which one of these little pests might find its way; there another was darning by machinery a canvas bag; further on fresh leather straps were being

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CHRISTMAS THOUGHTS—For the last month I have been lying ill in a Nursing Home. As I lay in bed, unable to carry on my ordinary work, I have had leisure to wander far afield and to picture you in your various homes, in the great cities, in the little country towns, in the back-blocks, on the veldt, in the tropics or among the snows. I have re-lived the many happy hours I have spent with you, hearing of your lives, discussing Club matters, sharing experiences in many parts of the world.

Those were in the old happy days before the War, and now I see you linked by your heart-strings to the battlefields, thinking of a few feet of soil somewhere in France or Flanders, perhaps, or of a son or brother still facing the enemy. And I make no doubt you have felt at times that you were too far away to be of much use, that there was so little you could do.

We are about to face the most difficult period of the War. We see no end to the carnage and the agony ; food and money are getting scarcer and scarcer, the enemy is not yet beaten.

> " By all borne and left unsaid
> By the soldier ; by the mire
> Closing o'er the Comrade's head,
> By the faces stripped by fire,
> By the sunlight's dumb and crowded wire,
> By the moonlight's lonely loathsome dead,
> By the slow, the Final Dread,
> Staying every life-desire ;
> Englishman, whoe'er thou art,
> That is theirs and this thy part,
> Steadfast hold the English heart."

General Smuts is right—the War will ultimately be won by moral forces, by the dauntless, the undismayed, the selfless, the God-fearing—no matter where we live, no matter whether we are sick or well, old or young, rich or poor, we can do our share to " Steadfast keep the British heart."

THE WAYFARER.

Overseas Trade Bureau

[*The Overseas Trade Bureau aims at being of use to Members. Genuine Trade enquiries are welcomed and suggestions invited. Members seeking markets for their goods have the free use of our pages. The object of the Overseas Trade Bureau is to develop British Empire Trade.—Editor.*]

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MANSFIELD WATER DIVINER. — "Can you tell me where to obtain a Mansfield Water Diviner and its cost."—J. W. H., Natal, South Africa.

The manufacturers of the Mansfield Water Diviner are Messrs. W. Mansfield & Co., 17, Brunswick Street, Liverpool. The approximate prices are as follows:— 200 ft. depth, £60; 500 ft. depth, £160; varying depths up to a cost of £200 to £250. These prices are, of course, subject to War conditions.

JEWELLERY AND HOROLOGY.—"Could you put me in touch with some good jewellery and horology firms who would be prepared to export goods to Algiers?"—A. A., Commission Agent, Algiers.

We put "A. A." in touch with the following firms:— Robert Pringle & Sons, 40 and 42, Clerkenwell Road, E.C., and Messrs. Grimshaw & Elliott, Ltd., 29-37, Goswell Road, E.C. 1.

PRINTS, ENGRAVINGS, ETC.—"Would you put me in touch with a firm issuing prints, coloured or otherwise, reproductions, etc., suitable for a picture and picture-framing shop."—R. B. R., Calgary, Canada.

We put "R. B. R." in touch with the Imperial Fine Art Corporation, Ltd., 84, High Holborn, London, W.C. 1, who have written to him direct, forwarding him copies of their illustrated catalogues.

HARDWARE GOODS.—"Could you obtain for me one or two good hardware wholesale catalogues."—A. B., Aberfeldy, O.F.S., South Africa.

Messrs. John Harper & Co., Ltd., Albion Works, Willen-

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hall, Staffs., have forwarded their catalogue and full particulars to Mr. "A. B.," but all firms in this line find it difficult to execute the orders they already have in hand.

SUGAR BEET.—"I would like some information on the manufacture of beet sugar or beet syrup, as my agricultural district does not include areas suitable for the growth of sugar-cane. If you could let me know of any books on the subject I would be obliged.

"I would also like to know if any hand-power apparatus is obtainable for the expression of oil—principally from ground nuts—on a quite small scale."—W. S. H., Tete, P.E. Africa.

We recommended "W. S. H." a book entitled "Sugar Beet," by "Home Counties," published by the "Field" Office, Windsor House, Bream's Buildings, Chancery Lane, E.C., price 6s. net, postage 5d., and wrote on his behalf to Messrs. George Scott & Son (London), Ltd., Kingsway House, Kingsway, W.C., who are writing to "W. S. H." offering a small hydraulic hand-power press.

AGENCY FOR TOYS AND STATIONERY.—"I am anxious to secure an Agency for all kinds of toys and also everything for a Stationery House both in Montevideo and district."—D. C. Perkins, Casilla Correio 250, Montevideo, Uruguay, S. America.

We have placed a notice on Mr. Perkins's behalf in one of the principal Trade papers in the United Kingdom.

MILK SUBSTITUTE.—"I should be so grateful if you could recommend me the best substitute for milk at present on the market."—F. W., Ireland.

The best substitute of which we are aware is the Trumilk Dried Milk. We forwarded a sample of this to our member from the Junior Army and Navy Stores.

CLOTH GOODS.—"A representative of some fifteen firms of manufacturers in the United States wishes to get into touch with some British firms manufacturing cloth goods for men's clothes, hosieries, etc."—J. C., San Salvador, C. America.

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OPENINGS IN NEWFOUNDLAND.—"I am in the commission business and would like to get into touch with some reputable firms for trade after the War. Our firm handles building material, such as cement, felt, nails, etc., soap, tea, tobacco, cattle food. In fact we are prepared to handle any lines on commission."—D. M. Baird, Box 262, St. John's, Newfoundland.

WATTLE BARK.—"I have the pleasure of acknowledging the receipt of your recent letter, together with copy of the reply from the United Tanners' Federation *re* wattle bark, for which I thank you. I am sincerely glad to notice that our firms at home are at last waking up."—W. H. Garnett Bennett, Kongoland, P.O. Hiobane, Vryheid, South Africa.

AN EMPIRE TRADE DIRECTORY.—"I am desired to express appreciation and thanks for the interest and trouble taken by your committee in response to our request for an up-to-date Trade Directory. I note with pleasure that you have arranged for copies of the 'British Standard Exporter' to be sent out as soon as they are ready. This matter was brought up at our last meeting and, from the minutes enclosed, you will see that it was decided to follow out your suggestion to wait till the publication of the 'British Standard Exporter' is ready, rather than order any other directory meantime."—C. Hawkins, Hon. Secretary of the Iloilo Branch, The Patriotic League of Britons Overseas, c/o Messrs. Wise & Co., Iloilo, Philippine Islands.

BRITISH GOODS FOR BRAZIL.—"There is a strong feeling in this country against the Germans, and it has occurred to Mr. Henry Whitworth and myself that this would be a favourable opportunity to introduce British goods into this market. We would be very glad if you could put us in touch with any British manufacturers who wish to have agents in this country. We are both employed in British firms, but command a certain amount of spare time which we think we might put to good use by trying to introduce British goods in places where, up to now, German goods have been used."—E. W. Prier de Saone, Caixa No. 45, Santos, Brazil, S. America.

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ETTERS from friends overseas telling of their life and surroundings are always welcomed at Headquarters, and, so far as space permits, we are very glad to reproduce extracts from them in these pages. Here is a budget from many varied quarters of the globe. Readers are invited to correspond with fellow Members.

A SOLDIER'S BURIAL.—"*You cannot be a failure if you win a cross in France.*"—*Hornung.* In this southern corner of France, far from the roar of the guns, there lies a cemetery on a sunny hill-side—the mountains of the Maures sloping to the blue Mediterranean and the wooded Esterel hills encircle it, and cypress trees guard its gateway. Here the other day, took place a quiet little ceremony. The funeral service of the Church of England was read over the grave of a British soldier. Some weeks before a body had been washed up on the rocks of the coast, and identified by the regimental disc as that of Private E. Stevens, of the Loyal North Lancashire Regiment—one of the victims, doubtless, of a torpedoed transport.

Owing to the War the English chaplaincy was vacant, but application was made in the proper quarter and the British Commandant at Marseilles sent over the Rev. C. F. Tyrrel, Chaplain of the Forces there. A little group of Allies gathered in the cemetery to pay the last tribute to one who had given his life as a sacrifice to his country. A detachment of French sailors from the Aviation Camp at —— came with their officers, a French military doctor, the English banker, a delegate of the American Y.M.C.A., and the few English residents left in the place, with some French sympathisers, formed the congregation. The grave was covered with flowers, and behind the simple wooden cross, inscribed with the dead man's name and regiment, hung the Union Jack.

He lies in gallant company beside two soldiers of France, while not far off one of her greatest generals, Gallieni, shares their peaceful sleep.—Miss C. Blackwood, English Club, St. Raphael, France.

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GOOD FOR LUNG TROUBLE.—This is one of the prettiest places in B.C., I think, and most excellent for "lung trouble." It might be a help to some Members to know this.—Littlehales-Barker (Mrs.), Salmon Arm, B.C.

"BRITONIA!"—I would suggest as a suitable synonym to take the place of the word "Colonial" the word "Britonian." The colonies, etc., taken as a whole, might be known as "Britonia." If "Britonia" was not adopted as mentioned above, it might be used very well as a new name for the "British Empire."—J. R. Morrison, Kingsleigh, St. Albans.

ROUND THE PACIFIC ISLANDS IN SAILING BOAT.—Some months since I got a severe attack of fever which turned to pleurisy and pneumonia, ending up with gastric fever. This necessitated my having a complete change, so I took a trip round the Pacific Islands in a sailing boat with an old friend who was master. I am thankful to say I feel myself again.—P. N. Charpentier, Woodlark Island, Papua.

"I ALWAYS WEAR IT."—I must tell you I am very proud of my O.S. badge. I always wear it, in fact it seems as if it is part of me now, and nearly everybody admires it and wants to know what it is. I can assure you I never let an opportunity slip past without explaining what splendid work the Over-Seas Club has done and is doing in this War, and how proud I am to be a Member.—M. Meredith (Miss), Box 340, Bulawayo, Rhodesia.

AUSTRALIAN TOBACCO APPRECIATED.—I would like to let you know how the boys out here appreciate the gifts of Australian tobacco and cigarettes from the Australian Branch of the Over-Seas Club, "Southern Cross" Tobacco Fund.—G. Germain, "A" Squadron,—Light Horse, A.I.F.

THREE OR FOUR HUNDRED PAGES.—I think the magazine is most helpful, instructive and interesting. I

Mrs. E. J. Beckett (nearest camera) and Mrs. E. M. Hards, two Over-seas Members, Picnicking in Rhodesia.

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OVER-SEAS CLUB HAMPERS IN THE TRENCHES.—The Over-Seas Club hampers arrived intact and at a most opportune time, the first lot just as we came out of the line after doing a "stunt," and the second just as we were going into the trenches again. Everything was in splendid condition, and those who were fortunate enough to receive the comforts enjoyed them immensely. The "make-up" of the packages is excellent, and the varied assortment of luxuries are just what our fellows want. They greatly appreciate the gifts of the Over-Seas Club.—Sub-Lieut. W. K. Harris, M.C., Drake Battalion, Royal Naval Division, France.

A MOTHER'S LETTER.—The magazine we find very interesting. It brings before us parts of the Empire we know little about, and the writers are well acquainted with their subject. I am glad to know that the Club has been able to give so many aeroplanes to the Empire. How many mothers, like myself, have given a son who will never return to us.—Mrs. A. Babbage, Roto Kawan, Wanganui, New Zealand.

A STAMP-COLLECTORS' SECTION WANTED IN "OVERSEAS."—On going through some magazines I noticed that many of them have a small space devoted to the interests of philately and "coin collecting." I think it would be a fine idea if a similar section were started by "Overseas," containing a short article monthly dealing with various issues of stamps and a space for the answering of any questions raised by "collectors." I am sure it would be appreciated, especially so by "beginners," who, as I know from experience, find it awkward to arrange their collections in order of issue and value.—W. Paynter, Magistrates' Office, New Hanover, Natal.

A VISIT TO DE BEERS DIAMOND MINES.—It may interest the readers of "Overseas" to hear of a visit I recently paid to De Beers Diamond Office.

Over £100,000 worth of the precious stones were lying on the tables. First, rows of the purest white in order of size; then pure pink, yellow, green and brown diamonds; while the next section was of flawed stones sorted similarly into

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sizes and shades. I was also shown many freak diamonds, one of a perfectly regular shape of eight triangular facets had the six corners or points turned in and instead of projections it had corresponding hollows. Another fine stone had an aeroplane perfectly marked within it, the revolving propeller in front being composed of a tiny pin point of red. Others showed perfectly shaped letters inside them.

We ended by seeing a model of the Cullinan diamond found in the Premier Mine. This stone was seen for a period of three weeks by a miner before his curiosity led him to climb up the side of the shaft and fetch the stone down. He then carried it out on his hand and was chaffed by his fellow miners on taking home a "pretty stone." Judging by its shape this "pretty stone" is only half, or a fraction of a much larger stone, the missing portion of which is still to be found. This diamond tipped the scale at 3,020 carats, overshadowing by far the largest diamonds ever found before.

Its size and uniqueness prevented accurate valuation, but it was sold for £2,000,000 and presented to the King and Queen on their Coronation, its subsequent history being well known.—J. Ross, P.O. Box 30, Kimberley, C.P., South Africa.

Mrs. J. Hartley, of Oamaru, N.Z. Mrs. Hartley is 87 years of age, but up to the end of April last had knitted 230 pairs of socks for N.Z. Troops.

"TO MAKE THE BLOOD TINGLE."—A word about our Club magazine. It is getting to be a splendid publication, but there is one addition I would like to see and that is the cover design remodelled. I would like this to be a picture of our great and glorious flag, our Union Jack. Nothing makes the blood tingle more in my veins than when I see our emblem, and it is a little disappointing, even though our Club magazine be so rich in interesting reading matter, not to see a picture of our flag anywhere in it. You certainly would not see a patriotic magazine issued in this country with-

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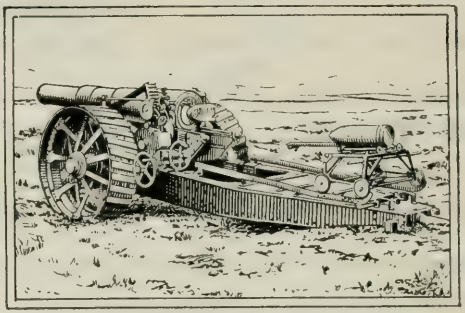

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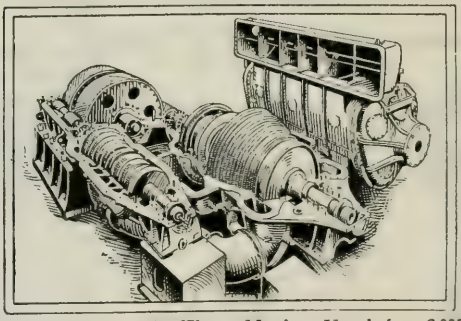

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out a flag on the cover, and I would certainly like to see at least one picture of our flag in "Overseas."—R. C. Hewitt, Bloomingdale Hospital, White Plains, New York, U.S.A.

OUR SEATTLE BRANCH.—We have now over 150 Members and each individual Member is endeavouring to get new Members of which we shall be proud.—Mrs. J. M. Austin, 2010, Westlake Avenue, Seattle, Washington, U.S.A.

WAR SLIDES PROVIDED.—I wonder if you could let me have pictures from the Front to be made into lantern slides for exhibition purposes? Money could be raised for patriotic purposes by giving exhibitions in the smaller places where no cinemas are shown.—F. H. Lingham, Santa Barbara, Cal., U.S.A.

[Lantern slides of up-to-date war subjects have been forwarded to our Santa Barbara friends. If any other branch of the Over-Seas Club would care to arrange such exhibitions we should be pleased to obtain the slides for them, free of charge.—Editor.]

AFTER THE WAR.—At present the branch here is practically in recess, but when the War has ended the Committee hope to revive it.—W. R. Rolph, 73 & 75, Patterson Street, Launceston, Tasmania.

[Why not now?—Editor.]

OLD FRIENDS FOUND.—In the membership list I have found the names of several friends, especially among those living in Bordeaux where I lived for some months about twelve months ago.—Miss I. E. Cole, Flower Lodge, Walpole Road, Brighton.

A MONTHLY PATRIOTIC POEM.—You ask for suggestions from Members. The only thing I would suggest is that you publish each month a short patriotic poem from one of the great English Masters. It is only when one has been away from the Homeland some years that the full meaning of such lines as "Breathes there a man with soul so dead" comes to one in their true significance.—J. D. Christie, The National Bank of S.A., Ltd., Durban, Natal, S. Africa.

FROM THE NORTHERN TERRITORY.—I wish to thank you for the literature which has come to hand by nearly every mail of late. I have distributed it amongst Members, and asked them to leave same, when read, on the Public

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Library table in Darwin, and I have had many inquiries from the general public as the outcome of this.—H. E. Carey, Office of the Administrator, Darwin, Northern Territory of Australia.

INTERNED GERMAN STEAMERS.—I am enclosing herewith some snapshots of some of the German steamers seized by the Siamese Government on the declaration of War by Siam on Germany and Austria. They came here from various ports in the beginning of August, 1914, on the declaration of War between England and Germany, and have been sheltering here ever since. Before the War they were engaged principally in carrying rice cargoes hence to Singapore and Hong Kong. There were also six steam lighters and seven towing lighters seized belonging to the Norddeutscher Lloyd. German and Austrian subjects have all been interned and their property seized. — J. Mackay, Harbour Department, Bangkok, Siam (see photo below).

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Pte. J. W. Rowley, c/o the Over-Seas Club :—"Would you put my name in the Exchange Correspondence column to correspond with any wireless operators in Egypt or any part of the Empire? A civilian if possible."

Miss E. L. Crane, 219, George Street, Bathurst, N.S.W., Australia.—"Would you please state in the Exchange that I should be delighted to correspond with Members in any other part of the world?"

C. W. Lemont, South Orchards, R.F.D. No. 3, *via* Theodore, Alabama, U.S.A.—"Would like to correspond and exchange postage stamps with Members in all British Colonies, particularly Papua, the Pacific Islands and Sierra Leone."

Miss Edna Whittaker, Wei-Hai-Wei, N. China.—"I would like to exchange snapshots with other Members."

F. G. Howard, Lanadron Estate, Unar, Johore, *via* Singapore, S.S.—"I should be very pleased to exchange Siamese, Dutch East Indies, etc., stamps with fellow Members."

Mr. E. H. Anderson, The New York Public Library, 476, Fifth Avenue, New York, U.S.A., would be greatly indebted to any Member who has numbers 2, 4, and 5 of the magazine to spare."

W. H. Caddow, Casilla 98, Mision Inglesa, Villa Concepcion, Paraguay, South America.—"I should like to obtain numbers 2, 3, 4, and 5 of the 'Overseas' magazine. So far I am minus these numbers which make a sad break."

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COST OF LIVING IN S. AFRICA.—Referring to Miss Maclean's letter *re* the cost of living on the south-east coast of Spain, I send herewith figures for the principal centres of the Union of South Africa.—W. Goodman, South African Railways and Harbours, Johannesburg, S. Africa.

[*Space does not permit us to reproduce these figures, but we shall be glad to send them to any reader interested.—Editor.*]

Miss Mary Kinds, Nooitgedacht, P.O. Hekpoort, Dist. Krugersdorp, Transvaal, South Africa.—"As I have not got numbers 2, 3, 4 and 5 of 'Overseas,' I should be most grateful if any Member who has duplicates and could spare them would forward them to me. I have duplicates of 6, 7 8 and 12 and would be most pleased to forward them to any Member who would care for them."

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AN appeal to provide the inhabitants of Melanesia with silver thimbles, if launched in peace-time, might find a sufficiency of people who would keep the thimble manufacturers busy for a month. For in peace-time such an appeal would, by its very unusualness, command a certain amount of support from a world ever crying out for new sensations. In war-time, when there are so many claims on public sympathy, only an appeal that is really a part of the great common scheme for alleviating the sufferings thrust on a tortured world can be seriously considered.

From the most distant parts of the Empire has come sympathy and support for the work of caring for the soldiers and sailors blinded in the War. The work that is done at St. Dunstan's Hostel, Regent's Park, London, is known all over the world. The married men with children receive from the Government a weekly allowance for each child they may have, and for every child born within nine months of the time of their discharge. But, of course, there is no allowance for the children born after the blinded man has left the Army, nor any allowance for the children of men who marry after their disablement. And it is on his children that the blind man will come to rely.

To make for their children and for the increasing families of the married man an allowance of 5s. a week for each child until the age of sixteen will require a large sum of money—not less than £250,000. It is to obtain this sum of money that Sir Arthur Pearson, Bt., G.C.B.E., the Chairman of the Blinded Soldiers and Sailors' Care Committee, has launched an appeal, one that will assuredly go to the hearts of children-lovers all the world over ; and does a man or woman worthy of the name exist who does not love children ?

There are many ways of raising money for so splendid a cause—flag days, concerts, theatrical performances, entertainments—the list is legion. We venture to think that to conclude our appeal we cannot end better than by offering a hint to the readers of "Overseas," whose generosity needs no elaboration from us.

Contributions should be sent to Sir Arthur Pearson, Bt., G.C.B.E., Blinded Soldiers' Children Fund, 224-6-8, Great Portland Street, England, W. 1.

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"Excuse me a minute ; look, isn't there a mistake here ? See, September 48, October 51, November 60 ; and for December you state only 6 cases." Speaker, the Lady Inspector at a Munition Factory, examining the Fines Register, recording penalties imposed on girl workers for misdemeanours. "What has happened ? " she concluded.

"Last July," answered the Forewoman, "I noticed amongst applicants a girl who seemed different from the others. About ten o'clock on the morning she started, I heard someone singing. It was something about 'Loving Him better every day.' Then I heard a roar of laughter, and Jane Anson, one of the roughest girls I have ever met, shouted out, 'Sally Army ! ' and I knew that we had a Salvation Army Lass in the factory.

"Daily she was tormented, but went on singing and kept on working —and became a jolly clever worker. In October the girls started smoking. 'Salvation Lil,' as they had dubbed her, saw one of the girls at it. She gave one look at the girl, turned quite white, and without a word clambered on to the bed of her lathe, to start slating those girls for all she was worth. But it was no use.

"The end came on a Saturday morning. Jane Anson was working on the hydraulic press, when suddenly I heard a scream, and there

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